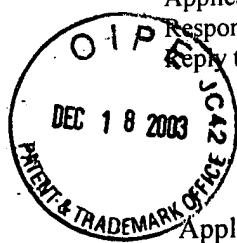


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**AMENDMENT "A" AND REQUEST  
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated July 30, 2003 (Paper No. 6). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on October 30, 2003. Accordingly, applicants hereby request that the period of time to respond be extended one month up to and including December 30, 2003. Please charge the \$210.00 extension of time fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0959 (089498-0335).

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.